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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1) and with the practice established at the first session, the Commission may wish to elect five officers, that is, a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

In accordance with Commission decision 1/101, the post of Chairman of the third session is to be occupied by a member from Latin American and Caribbean States and the post of Rapporteur by a member from Eastern European States.

The membership of the Commission in 1994 is given in the annex below.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda contained herein was approved, on the recommendation of the Commission, by the Economic and Social Council in decision 1993/243.

The proceedings of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice are governed by the rules of procedure of the functional commission of the Economic and Social Council.

3. Review of priority themes, in accordance with Commission resolution 1/1 on strategic management by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, including:

(a) The role of criminal law in the protection of the environment

(b) Violence against women

(c) Preparations for the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime

The Economic and Social Council, in section IV.A of resolution 1993/34, requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission, at its third session, on progress made on the Fourth and Fifth Surveys of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems and other initiatives under way to acquire, process and distribute crime prevention and criminal justice data.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General reviewing the status of both projects and considering other related initiatives

on the collection and dissemination of data on criminality, including forthcoming regional and global publications on crime trends.

The Council, in section IV.C of resolution 1993/34, requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission, at its third session, on progress made in the improvement of computerization in criminal justice management, with emphasis on strengthening national capacities for the collection, collation, analysis and utilization of data.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General summing up experiences with respect to a number of national computerization projects. Further, the report reviews progress made in the computerization of criminal justice information at the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the United Nations Office at Vienna, including recent developments in the operation of the United Nations Criminal Justice Information Network, as well as progress made in the automation of other databases on crime prevention and criminal justice.

In its resolution 1993/29, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to organize a World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, to be held in the third quarter of 1994, and accepted with appreciation the offer of the Government of Italy to act as host for the Conference.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the status of the preparations for the Conference. The reports of two ad hoc expert group meetings and a working group of experts on topics closely related to the issues of organized transnational crime will be made available to the Commission.

In paragraph 2 of section I of resolution 1993/34, the Economic and Social Council invited Member States to prepare and circulate in advance of each session proposals on specific objectives and activities, as recommended in Commission resolution 1/1 on strategic management by the Commission of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, stressing the importance to the Commission at its third and subsequent sessions of implementing the mechanisms, referred to in paragraphs 32-35 of the annex to that resolution, for determining the objectives and specific activities of the programme.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on proposals made by Member States on specific objectives and activities, in accordance with Commission resolution 1/1.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the Fourth and Fifth Surveys of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems and other initiatives under way to acquire, process and distribute crime prevention and criminal justice data (E/CN.15/1994/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the improvement of computerization in criminal justice management, with emphasis on strengthening national capacities for the collection, collation, analysis and utilization of the data (E/CN.15/1994/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the preparations for the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime (E/CN.15/1994/4)

Note by the Secretary-General on proposals made by Member States on specific objectives and activities, in accordance with Commission resolution 1/1 on strategic management by the Commission of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme (E/CN.15/1994/5)

4. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1993/31

The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1993/31, requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1994, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, on progress made in the implementation of Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1993/31. The report of the Secretary-General will be before the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1993/31 (E/1994/13)

5. Technical cooperation

In section II of resolution 1993/34, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its third session, on technical cooperation and advisory services of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, including appropriate mechanisms for the mobilization of resources.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation and advisory services of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, including appropriate mechanisms for the mobilization of resources.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation and advisory services of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, including appropriate mechanisms for the mobilization of resources (E/CN.15/1994/6)

6. United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1992/22, decided that the Commission should include in its agenda, beginning with its second session, a standing item on the existing United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including their use and application. This decision was reaffirmed by the Council in resolution 1993/34. The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on existing United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/1994/7).

7. Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

In resolution 1993/32, the Economic and Social Council, on the recommendation of the Commission at its second session, approved the provisional agenda for the Ninth Congress.

Also in resolution 1993/32, the Council approved the rules of procedure of United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, as recommended by the Commission, and noted that the Commission had approved a discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress.

In the same resolution, the Council endorsed the programme of work for the Ninth Congress, including the holding of six workshops on the topics recommended by the Commission.

Also in the same resolution, the Council invited the Commission to accord high priority, at its third session, to the preparations for the Ninth Congress and to ensure that all necessary organizational and substantive arrangements were made in good time.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. It will also have before it a discussion guide for the six workshops to be held during the Congress, as well as the reports of the five regional preparatory meetings for the Congress.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (E/CN.15/1994/8)

Discussion guide on demonstration and research workshops to be held at the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.169/PM.1/Add.1)

Reports of the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth United Nations Congress (A/CONF.169/RPM.1-5)

8. Cooperation and coordination of activities with other United Nations bodies and other entities

The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1993/34, stressed the importance of existing cooperation and coordination activities between the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch and other relevant entities. The Council requested the Secretary-General to encourage and facilitate cooperation and coordination in accordance with the resolution and to report on the subject to the Commission at its third session.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on cooperation and coordination with other United Nations bodies and other entities, in accordance with the above-mentioned request.

The Commission will also have before it a report of the Secretary-General on activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes.

The initial terms of office of two members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute expire in 1994, in accordance with article IV, paragraph 2, of the Institute's Statute (Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, annex). The Commission is therefore requested to reappoint or replace those outgoing members. For this purpose, the Commission will have before it background notes on proposed candidates for appointment or reappointment to the Board.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation and coordination of activities in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/1994/9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes (E/CN.15/1994/10)

9. Programme questions

(a) Programme performance and implementation

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238, the Commission will have before it, for information, excerpts from the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1992-1993 and of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-third session (A/48/16).

(b) Revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the approved revisions to programme 29 (Crime prevention and criminal justice) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6/Rev.1).

(c) Programme of work for the biennium 1994-1995

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work in crime prevention and criminal justice for the biennium 1994-1995, as approved by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on programme questions

Note by the Secretary-General on the approved revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

10. Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its fourth session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the fourth session of the Commission (E/CN.15/1994/L.)

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its third session

The report of the Commission on its third session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994.

Attention is drawn to Council resolution 1989/114, in which the Council requested its subsidiary bodies to highlight policy recommendations and decisions resulting from their deliberations for consideration and appropriate action by the Council.

Annex

COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
(40 members)

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	Term expires on 31 December
Australia	1994
Austria	1996
Bolivia	1994
Brazil	1996
Bulgaria	1994
China	1994
Colombia	1996
Congo	1996
Cuba	1996
Finland	1996
France	1994
Germany	1996
Ghana	1994
Hungary	1996
Indonesia	1994
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1994
Italy	1994
Japan	1996
Madagascar	1994
Malawi	1996
Malaysia	1996
Morocco	1996
Nicaragua	1994
Nigeria	1994
Pakistan	1996
Paraguay	1994
Peru	1994
Philippines	1994
Poland	1994
Republic of Korea	1994
Russian Federation	1996
Sierra Leone	1994
Sri Lanka	1996
Sudan	1996
Tunisia	1996
Uganda	1996
United Republic of Tanzania	1996
United States of America	1994
Uruguay	1994
Zaire	1996